

Moronene language

Moronene is an Austronesian language spoken in Bombana Regency, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia. It belongs to the Bungku–Tolaki branch of the Celebic subgroup.

Phonology

Moronene has the following consonant inventory:^[3]

Moronene	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Sulawesi
Native speakers	37,000 (2000) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian (MP)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Celebic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bungku–Tolaki<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moronene
Dialects	Wita Ea (Rumbia, Poleang) Tokotu'a (Kabaena)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mqn
Glottolog	moro1287 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/moro1287) ^[2]

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Retroflex	Velar	Glottal
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	t		k	ʔ
	voiced	b	d		g	
<u>Prenasalized plosive</u>	voiceless	^m p	ⁿ t		^ŋ k	
	voiced	^m b	ⁿ d		^ŋ g	
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless		s			h
	voiced	β				
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ŋ	
<u>Flap</u>			r	ɽ		

The vowel phonemes are /a e i o u/. Sequences of two like vowels are pronounced as a long vowel, e.g. *nee* [neː].^[3]

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